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The Supreme Court said today it might not hear a case involving solar panel sales after the two sides said they are close to a settlement.

The court was slated to hear arguments in the case — 17-368, *Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District v. Tesla Energy Operations* — on March 19. Although the underlying dispute involved solar policy, the matter before the justices had to do with judicial procedure related to antitrust challenges.

But the matter may soon be moot.

In a one-page [letter](#) Thursday, both sides told the Supreme Court that they have "executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), which they hope to form the basis of a final resolution of this litigation." The attorneys cautioned that it remained unclear if or when the settlement will be finalized and the lawsuit dropped.

The letter did not describe the deal, but The Arizona Republic [reported](#) this week that it would involve the Salt River Project purchasing a "massive" battery from Tesla-owned SolarCity and offering incentives for customers seeking to install their own battery systems.

WHAT'S NEXT: The court said it will reschedule the arguments for its April sitting unless the suit is dropped before then.

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